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## **LEE'S SUMMIT MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORN**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Lee's Summit, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to illegally receiving child pornography over the Internet.

**Terry K. Birge**, 49, of Lee's Summit, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning.

By pleading guilty, **Birge** admitted to receiving child pornography over the Internet between May 1 and Nov. 18, 2003. **Birge** also agreed to forfeit any property used to commit the offense, including a computer containing a Fujitsu hard drive.

The violation involved at least 10 images of child pornography, including at least one visual depiction that involved a minor under the age of 12 and at least one visual depiction portraying sadistic and masochistic and violent conduct, Graves said.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katharine Fincham. The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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